

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	Ackerman et al.	:	Confirmation No. 4144
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Application No.:	10/086,148	:	Group Art Unit: 3726
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Application Filed:	October 22, 2001	:	Examiner Vo, Peter

For: METHOD FOR REPLACING A DAMAGED TBC CERAMIC LAYER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced Application.

**A.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this Preliminary Amendment.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this Preliminary Amendment.

The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.